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Mr. William R. Bowman #156713  
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*Re: Formal Complaint 16-FC-56; Alleged Violation of the Access to Public Records Act by the Fayette County Clerk of the Courts*

Dear Mr. Bowman:

This advisory opinion is in response to your formal complaint alleging the Fayette County Clerk of The Courts ("Clerk") violated the Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), Ind. Code § 5-14-3-1 et. seq. The Clerk has responded via Ms. Melinda Sudhoff. The Clerk's response is enclosed for your review. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-5-10, I issue the following opinion to your formal complaint received by the Office of the Public Access Counselor on March 14, 2016.

Mycase.in.gov is a website available to all Indiana citizens and is the first resource I typically search for getting information regarding criminal or civil litigants. It even has a "sounds like" search function. It appears as if you had one of the last names wrong on the criminal litigant for which you were searching. The information you seek is attached. Based upon the Clerk's response, I would suggest this search tool may be utilized for future reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LH Britt", written in a cursive style.

Luke H. Britt  
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Cc: Ms. Melinda Sudhoff